

U.S. Application Serial No.: 10/627,969  
Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species  
dated May 5, 2006  
In response to Office Action Dated March 15, 2006

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-44 are in this application.

Claims 41-44 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer  
for being directed to non-elected invention.

Claims 13-40 have been withdrawn from prosecution for  
directed to non-elected species.

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in this application.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect  
claims of Group I (claims 1-40 directed to methods of operating  
a fuel cell).

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement,  
Applicants further elect claims 1-12.

Applicants submit that claim 1 is generic to claims 2-40  
and respectfully point out that if the elected species is found  
to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to either election of  
additional species for further examination or allowance of  
claims 1-40.

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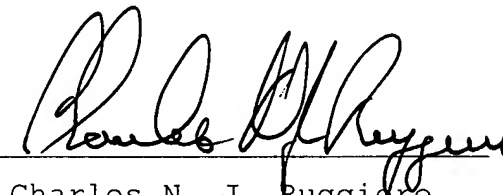
A request for a one-month extension of time is hereby made  
to extend the period for response to May 15, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request examination of this  
application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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